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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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entitled: **EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION APPARATUS**

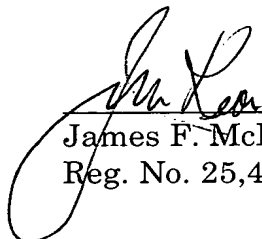
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including claims 1 - 13 and abstract (25 pages total).
2. Six sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1 - 9.
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Application Data Sheet.
5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-330180 filed in Japan on November 14, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55.
7. Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
8. Preliminary Amendment.
9. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claims fees:

Basic Fee							\$385/770	=	\$770.00
Total Claims	13	-	20	=	0	x	\$9/18	=	\$
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	\$43/86	=	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$145/290	=	\$
Total Filing Fee									\$770.00

Two checks in the amount of \$770.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.52917US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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